

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hood in view of Strul. The Examiner concedes that Hood does not disclose a circuit that is designed to provide an actual power curve to the corneal tissue within +/- 10% of a desire power curve. The Examiner submits that Strul fills in this deficiency.

The Applicant has amended the claims to emphasize that the circuit of the invention is precalibrated to provided an actual power curve to the cornea within +/- 10% of a desire power curve, without feedback. Strul clearly implements a feedback mechanism to control power. Feedback mechanisms increase the complexity and cost of the system. Strul does not disclose a precalibrated circuit that can achieve a desired power tolerance band without feedback. Consequently, the combination of Hood and Strul do not render obvious the claims of the above entitled application.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested. Allowance of claims 1-24 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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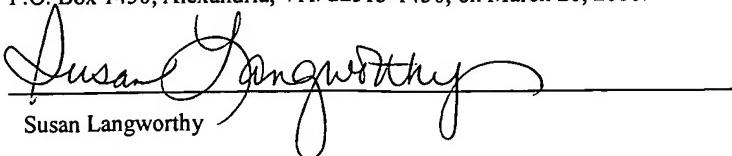
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